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REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.116  
EXPEDITED PROCEDURE  
GROUP 2871  
PATENT APPLICATION

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

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For: COLLIMATING PLATE, LIGHTING APPARATUS AND LIQUID CRYSTAL  
DISPLAY APPARATUS

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Commissioner for Patents

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Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated January 13, 2004, please consider the following remarks.

**REMARKS**

Claims 1-23 are all the claims pending in the application. Claims 12-23 are withdrawn from consideration as being drawn to a non-elected invention. Claims 1-6 and 8-11 presently stand rejected. Claim 7 is objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form.

In regard to the claim rejections, claims 1-11 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph; Claims 1, 3 and 4 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by